

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5625–S5673

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1278–1293, and S.J. Res. 20. **Page S5667**

Measures Reported:

S. 1283, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–70)

S. 1284, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–71) **Page S5667**

Measures Passed:

Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2289, to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5672**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth. **Page S5673**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 191, designating July 27, 2013, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5673**

Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans. **Pages S5625–28**

Cordray Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of

Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S5651–52**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. **Page S5673**

Griffin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5652**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Page S5673**

Block Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5652**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5673**

Pearce Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5652**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5653**

Hochberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Fred P.

Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Perez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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McCarthy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5673.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1284) making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

An original bill (S. 1283) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense operations conducted pursuant to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force and the presidential policy guidance on counterterrorism from Michael G. Vickers, Under Secretary for Intelligence, Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, USN, Director for Operations, and Commander William Gallagher, both of the Joint Staff, J3, and Brigadier General Richard Gross, Legal Counsel to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

WALL STREET REFORMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mitigating systemic risk through Wall Street reforms, after receiving testimony from Mary J. Miller, Under Secretary, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

U.S. TERRITORIES BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and S. 1268, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, after receiving testimony from Representatives Faleomavaega, Christensen, Bordallo, Sablan, and Pierluisi; Eileen Sobeck, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas; Vikram J. Singh, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Office of the Secretary of Defense for

Policy; and Edgard Kagan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

TRANSITION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing the transition in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James F. Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; Peter R. Lavoy, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; Stephen Hadley, United States Institute of Peace, and Sarah Chayes, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nader Nadery, Fair and Free Elections Foundation of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Victoria

Nuland, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Daniel Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2653–2686; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 297–299 were introduced. **Pages H4482–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4485–86**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–150, Pt. 1). **Page H4482**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4373**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Paul Binion II, Westside Church of God, Fresno, California. **Page H4373**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4373, H4475**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Sewell (AL) motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 125 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 346. **Pages H4375–76**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Fudge motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 138 yeas to 265 nays, Roll No. 348. **Page H4389**

Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 353.

Pages H4376–89, H4390–H4475

Rejected the Esty motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 352. **Pages H4470–74**

During the course of debate on H.R. 2642, Representative Watt raised a point of order against the ruling of the Chair regarding what constitutes embellishment of a unanimous consent request, and the point of order was overruled. Representative Watt appealed the ruling of the chair, and Representative Lucas moved to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair. The motion to table was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 350. **Pages H4462–63**

During the course of further debate on H.R. 2642, Representative Thompson (MS) raised a point of order against the ruling of the Chair regarding what constitutes embellishment of a unanimous consent request, and the point of order was overruled. Representative Thompson (MS) appealed the ruling of the chair, and Representative Lucas moved to

table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair. The motion to table was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 351.

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H. Res. 295, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 349, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H4376–94

During the course of debate on H. Res. 295, the Chair stated that it was not in order to embellish a unanimous consent request with additional remarks in the form of debate. Representative Hoyer raised a point of order against the ruling of the Chair regarding what constitutes embellishment of a unanimous consent request, and the point of order was overruled. Representative Hoyer appealed the ruling of the chair, and Representative Sessions moved to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair. The motion to table was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 347.

Pages H4383–84

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 15th.

Pages H4476, H4481

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H4389–90.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4375–76, H4383–84, H4389, H4394, H4463, H4467, H4474, H4474–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REGULATION OF NEW CHEMICALS, PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION, AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Regulation of New Chemicals, Protection of Confidential Business Information, and Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING FCC PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Improving FCC Process”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT 2013 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The State Department 2013 Trafficking in Persons Report”. Testimony was heard from Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State.

ASSESSING ATTACKS ON THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee continued a hearing entitled “Assessing Attacks on the Homeland: From Fort Hood to Boston”. This portion of the hearing was closed.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICA’S HELIUM SUPPLY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “America’s Helium Supply: Options for Producing More Helium from Federal Lands”. Testimony was heard from Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

WILDFIRE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations held a hearing entitled “Wildfire and Forest Management”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lamborn; Tipton; Gosar; and Kirkpatrick; Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; James Douglas, Acting Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Senior Adviser, Public Safety, Resource Protection and Emergency Services, Department of the Interior; Joe Duda, Deputy State Forester, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Oversight and Management of Department of Energy National Laboratories and Science Activities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 12, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. Senators should expect a roll call vote at 5:30 p.m.

(At 6 p.m., there will be an all-Senators joint caucus in the Old Senate Chamber.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Monday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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